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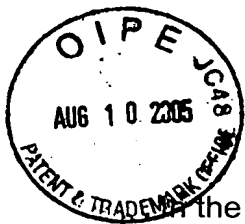
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This is a Preliminary Amendment and Response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 15, 2005, with respect to the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following:

**Amendments to Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks and Response to Restriction Requirement** begin on page 6 of this paper.